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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

APCP RELEASES 2011 FERAL CAT REPORT

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director, Animal Population Control Program

The Department of Agriculture (DoAG)'s Animal Population Control Program (APCP) has released the fiscal year 2011 report for its feral cat sterilization program. This program helps Connecticut non-profit organizations by providing vaccination and sterilization vouchers for Connecticut feral cats. The APCP also provides benefits for pets from municipal impound facilities and dogs and cats owned by Connecticut low-income residents.

The feral cat grant program is a result of the 2007 passage of Public Act No. 07-105; titled *An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Animal Population Control Program*. Chapter 436a/Spaying and Neutering, Sec. 22-380g (b) states in part, "not more than ten percent of the funds deposited in the APCP account shall be used for the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats." The program dedicated \$75,000 for feral cat vouchers.

"At a time when the words 'cuts' and 'reduction' are the norm from state government, our agency is actually giving something back to the public," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve K. Reviczky.

For fiscal year 2011, 925 vouchers were issued to 15 Connecticut organizations. Of that amount, 886 were used (a 96% sterilization compliance rate). All eight counties were represented in the report. New Haven lead the way with 257 cats. Fairfield was second with 209; Hartford, 193; New London, 129; Windham, 55; Litchfield, 36; and Tolland, one feline. In addition, 75 towns/cities were represented in the report, with Bridgeport assisting the most feral cats, 122.

The program provides for the sterilization and two vaccinations for feral cats (defined as wild by nature and not domesticated). Voucher benefits are offered at \$50 for male cats and \$70 for female cats. Two presurgical vaccines coincident with surgery are also included as a \$20 benefit (\$10 per vaccine). Services can be provided by any of the 225 certified participating veterinary practices. Grant benefits are restricted to Connecticut organizations only, and left ear tipping for identification purposes is required.

The APCP has provided vaccination/sterilization benefits to more than 75,000 municipal pound pets, feral cats and low-income owner's pets since the program's inception in 1995 helping to reduce the surplus companion pet population in Connecticut by over 50%. For more information about the APCP, please contact our office at apcp.agr@ct.gov, or go to the agency's web site at www.ct.gov/doag.



Feral cats

AG VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 10

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture invites eligible farmers, municipalities, and agricultural nonprofits to apply for its Agriculture Viability Grants, which have been funded again this year. These grants strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and promote the sustainability of agriculture in Connecticut and its municipalities. Matching, competitive grants of up to \$49,999 will be awarded.

Applications must be postmarked by November 10 or delivered to the department's office by 4:00 p.m. that day. (November 11, the deadline printed on the application, is a state/federal holiday.) Applications are available at www.CTGrown.gov. Contact Ron Olsen at Ronald.olsen@ct.gov or 860-713-2550 for more information.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLE,Empire,80ct,xfcy	27.00	30.00
APPLE,Gala,100ct,fcy	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Gala, bu	16.00	17.00
APPLE,Gold Del,113,F	17.00	17.00
APPLE,Rd Del,bu	16.00	18.00
APPLE,Rd Del,12/3	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APPLE,Mac,bu,2 1/4up	16.00	18.00
APPLE,Macn,100ct,xfcy	33.00	34.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	22.00	24.00
PEAR,Rd Anj,4/5 bu	24.00	26.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
October 31, 2011**

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	70.50-73.50
	270-300lbs	68.50-73.00
	300-350lbs	N/A
45-49	220-270lbs	N/A
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	58.00-59.00
	500-700 lbs	62.00-63.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	33.50-34.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, October 31, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	18.00	23.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	29.00
76-90 lbs.	30.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	30.00	40.00
106 lbs. & up	42.50	48.00
Farm Calves	55.00	60.00
Veal Calves	75.00	90.00
Open Heifers	65.00	102.50
Feeder Steers	65.00	97.50
Starter Calves	N/A	N/A
Stock Bulls	75.00	90.00
Lambs each	85.00	220.00
Goats each	40.00	235.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	105.00
Canners	up to	61.50
Cutters	62.00	67.00
Utility Grade Cows	68.00	73.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	4.00	14.00
Ducks each	5.00	24.00
Sheep	60.00	125.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS 5lb	11.00	12.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS 12-4oz	12.00	12.00
BEAN SPOUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BEAN SPROUTS,12-12oz	9.00	10.00
Cabbage,red,50lb	14.00	24.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	12.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER,12ct	12.00	13.00
CHIVES,1lb,filn	8.00	8.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1-1/9bu,20/3s	35.00	35.00
CORN,Ornmntl,strwbry,20/3s	25.00	25.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.50	5.00
CRANBERRIES,25lb	35.00	40.00
CRANBERRIES,24-12oz,filn	32.00	33.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	18.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,Shllckd,1/2bu	28.00	30.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	12.00	13.00
PARSNIP,18-11b	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Russet,70ct	15.00	15.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,chef,50lb	13.00	14.00
POTATOES,Yel,chef,50lb	19.00	21.00
POTATOES,10lb	2.25	2.75
RUTABAGAS,50lb,unwxd	30.00	30.00
PUMPKIN,Pie,1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1-1/9bu	13.00	15.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	12.00	15.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Spagh,1-1/9bu,fair	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,25lb	18.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs on vine,11lb	15.00	15.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

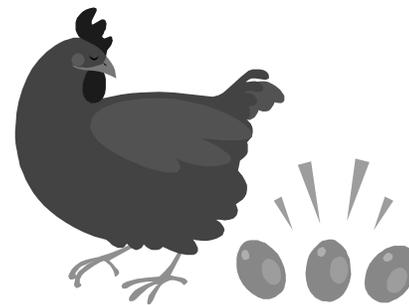
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Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:
 Breakers 75-80%lean
 67.00-69.00--- 70.50-74.00---63.50---64.00
 Boners 80-85% lean
 64.00-67.00---68.00-69.00 ---58.00-62.00
 Lean 88-90% lean
 56.00-64.00 --- 64.00-70.00--- 51.00-58.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
 1320-1855 lbs -77.50-83.50
CALVES: All prices per cwt.
 Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
 95-120lbs - 140.00-160.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1
 90-105 lbs 185.00---190.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
 Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
 50-60 lbs 227.00-241.00
 60-80 lbs 226.00-240.00
 80-90 lbs 222.00-237.00
 90-110 lbs 218.00-232.00
 110-130 lbs 212.00-226.00
 130-150 lbs 170.00-185.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	188-198
LARGE	185-195
MEDIUM	126-136

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA
October 31, 2011**

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	117-134
LARGE	111-125
MEDIUM	97-110

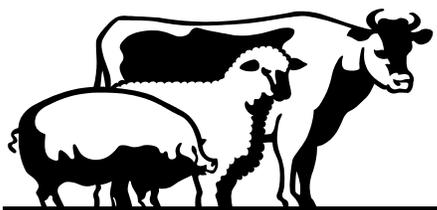
VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

October 31, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.
 All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.85 per bale 3 rd cutting
Orchard Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.75-4.85 per bale 2 nd cutting
Corn Fodder	lg. round 12-14 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3
 40-60 lbs 210.00-227.00
 60-80 lbs 191.00-220.00
 80-90 lbs N/A
 90-110lbs 190.00-205.00
 110-130lbs 172.00-187.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
 120-160 lbs 106.00 -120.00
 160-200 lbs 88.00-102.00
 200-300lbs 79.00-88.00
 Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
 120-160 lbs 85.00-100.00
 160-200 lbs 76.00-91.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
 Kids: 30-40 lbs N/A
 40-60lbs 125.00-155.00
 60-80lbs 155.00-193.00
 80-90lbs 180.00-195.00
 90-100lbs 204.00-219.00
 100-110lbs 216.00-231.00
 Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 145.00-160.00
 130-180 lbs 165.00-180.00
 Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 210.00-245.00
 150-200 lbs 230.00-245.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupectki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupectki@ct.gov for more information.

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

173-R. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

181-R. Rye Straw, clean, bright, weed free. Call 203-484-0664.

197-R. 400 plus yards composted cow manure (topsoil) \$8.00/yard. Kent Hollow area. Call after 6:00 pm. 860-355-2962.

203-R. Feeder pig for sale. 203-996-4715 or 203-457-1017.

204-R. For Sale: Greenhouse frames, fans, monorail, flat filler, etc...Call for full details. 860-267-7480.

205-R. Asphalt-Fiberglass (3 tab) shingles. 12 bundles (4 Sq) Driftwood Color, \$15/bundle. Tel 860-274-8159.

206-R. 8 foot Eby aluminum cattle body in great condition. 860-886-3943.

207-R. White porcelain butcher shop counter scale. \$75.00. Antique cow stanchions, some wood, some metal. \$15.00. 16 inch Western saddle, never used. \$160.00. 860-599-0792.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

USDA AWARDS \$2.2 MILLION FOR RESEARCH ON FOOD AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Agriculture Under Secretary Dr. Catherine Woteki has announced new research grants and cooperative agreement awards in eight states—including Connecticut—and the District of Columbia, designed to examine, evaluate, and enhance the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nutrition assistance programs.

USDA continues to enhance nutrition program integrity and delivery even as demand has increased in response to national economic conditions. This year, USDA is investing in process improvement efforts that examine local office processes and identify and implement efficiencies. The department is also interested in funding projects that use technology to achieve procedural changes, such as document imaging, telephone interviews or Web-based access to case status information.

The grants and cooperative agreements will fund projects in California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah. The projects will examine a number of program-related issues, including:

- the effect of new food packages for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), on the prevalence of breastfeeding;
- the effect of switching to electronic benefits transfer (EBT) in WIC on benefit redemptions;
- the effect of the new WIC food packages on participants' food choices;
- beverage choices made by WIC participants;
- the effect of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) on food choices;
- how state program policies and local labor market conditions affect food assistance program participation; and
- the impacts of food assistance programs on alternative methods of assessing poverty.

The 2011 award to Connecticut was for \$129,000 and went to Dr. Tatiana Andreyeva, Yale University in New Haven, to study the economics of beverage choices among WIC and SNAP participants.

USDA's food and nutrition assistance programs—including SNAP, WIC, and the school meals programs—affect the lives of millions of people each day. About one in four Americans participates in at least one food assistance program at some point during the year.

The research projects are competitively awarded by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) through a publicly announced and peer-reviewed process. These competitive grants and cooperative agreements fund research on the relationships among food assistance programs, food choices, and the economy; and on using behavioral economics and incentives to promote child nutrition. The latter topic is part of an ongoing collaboration with USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) initiated in FY 2010 to develop a research program in behavioral economics as applied to USDA's child nutrition programs.

Further information is available at www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodNutritionAssistance/Compgrants.htm, or from program contact David Smallwood at (202) 694-5466 or dsmallwd@ers.usda.gov.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

SNEBA 2011 NOV 19 IN EAST LYME

Connecticut Beekeepers Association and Wicwas Press will host Southern New England Beekeepers Assembly from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 19 at Saint Matthias Parish, 317 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, CT 06333.

Speakers are retired judge Dan O'Hanlon, West Virginia; Professor Ernesto Guzman, Ontario, Canada; and Wicwas Press owner and author Dr. Lawrence Connor, Michigan. Registration is \$49 (without lunch) or \$59 (with lunch).

There will be a vendor display and tea-cup auction. Donations appreciated to support CBA.

Register by mail (form at www.sneba.com) or at the Wicwas Press website, www.wicwas.com, via PayPal.

HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP NOV 14, 15, 16

A soil health workshop will be held November 14, 15, and 16, 2011, at [Scout Hall](#), 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor. Each day will cover a different facet of land use, and topics will be directly relevant to the land use type of the day. You can sign up for one, two, or all three days. Pesticide applicator recertification credits are available each day.

Monday, 11/14/11, will cover row crops and livestock. Tuesday, 11/15/11 will cover perennial crops (orchard, vineyard, Xmas trees) and greenhouse growers, and Wednesday, 11/16/11, will cover small scale farming, the residential landscape, and permaculture.

There is a \$10 registration fee for each session, payable to Eastern CT RC&D. For more information, contact Lisa Krall, lisa.krall@ct.usda.gov or 860-871-4051, or Raymond Covino, raymond.covino@ct.usda.gov or 860-774- 8397 x 102.

GRASSLAND RESERVE APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 4

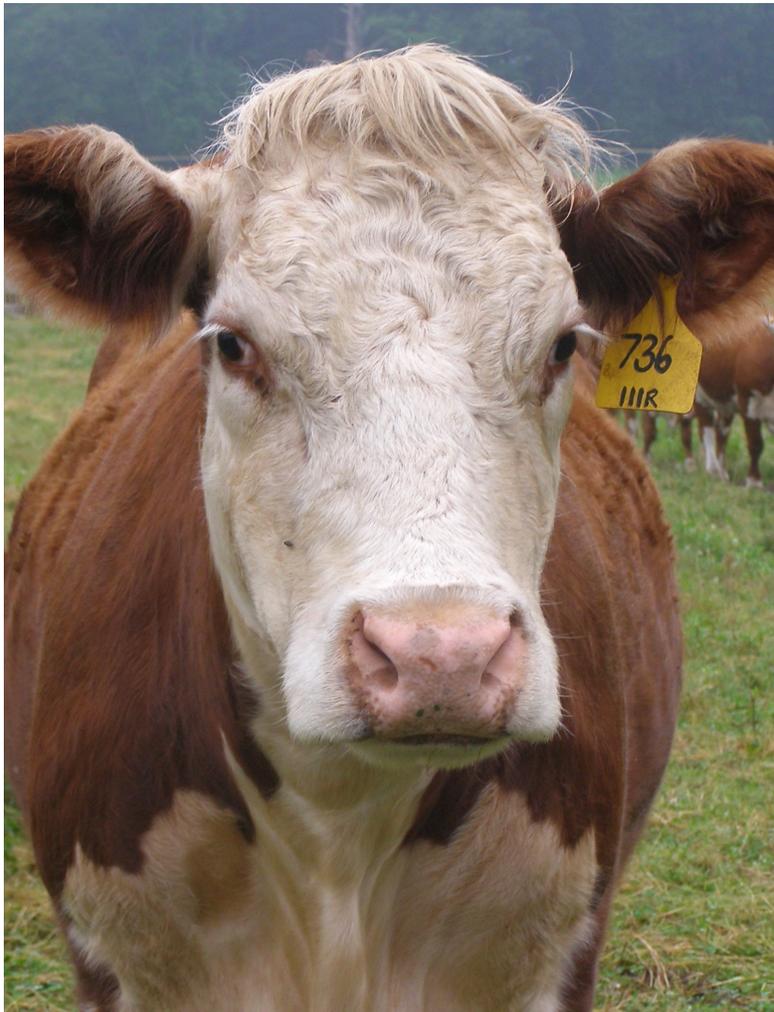
Applications for USDA's Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) are due November 4, 2011. GRP is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grasslands on their property.

USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NCRS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) are coordinating implementation of GRP, which helps landowners restore and protect grassland, pastureland, and certain other lands, and provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands.

For more information, visit the NCRS website at www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs, or the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=grp, or contact your nearest [USDA Field Office](#).

UCONN BEEF SALE NOV 5

2011 Barnyard Beef Sale will be held rain or shine, Saturday, November 5, 2011, at Livestock Unit, Horsebarn Hill Road, UConn, Storrs Campus. Preview begins at 10 a.m. and silent auction begins at 11 a.m. 15-20 animals expected in sale: steers (Herefords) and heifers (Angus & Herefords). For more info. contact Mary Margaret Cole at Mary.Cole@uconn.edu or 860-486-2035.



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